

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 15, 17 to 23, 25 to 29, 31 to 46, 48 to 55, 57 to 61, 63 to 79, 81 to 88, 90, 91, 96 to 102 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 21, 27, 32, 53, 59, 64, 86 and 100 to 102 are independent. Favorable reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 100 to 102 are allowable. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for the indication that dependent claims 16 to 18, 24, 30, 47 to 49, 56, 62, 80 to 82 and 89 contain allowable subject matter. The remaining claims were rejected under §§102 and 103. Without conceding the propriety of the rejections, and solely to advance the application to early issuance, Applicant has amended each of the independent claims to include allowable subject matter.

In particular, Applicant has incorporated the subject matter of dependent claim 16 into independent claim 1, dependent claim 24 into independent claim 21, dependent claim 30 into independent claim 27, dependent claim 47 into independent claim 32, dependent claim 56 into independent claim 53, dependent claim 62 into independent claim 59, dependent claim 80 into independent claim 64, and dependent claim 89 into independent claim 86. Each of the independent claims now recites subject matter deemed by the Examiner to be allowable..

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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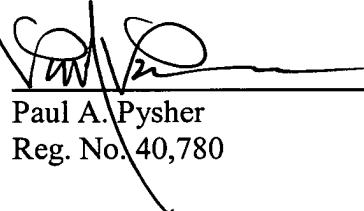
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